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- ☒ 2. The Examiner's attention is directed to co-pending U.S. Patent Applications Nos. 09/979,262 filed 11/21/2001, 09/817,187 filed 3/27/2001 and 09/979,643 filed 11/26/2001, which are directed to related technical subject matter. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited applications and the art cited therein during examination of the present application.

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- ☒ 3. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto, except JP A 59-30507. A translation of the Scope of the Claim is attached.

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